

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5232
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DISTRIBUTION OF SEED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the G.W. 173 seed variety of wheat distributed by the Seed Corporation in Khamba Tehsil of Amreli district in Gujarat has caused loss of several crores of rupees to the farming community;
- (b) if so, whether the Union and State Governments have conducted any inquiry into it;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): As per the information received from the Gujarat State Seed Corporation (GSSC), they had supplied 116 quintals of G.W. 173 certified seed to Khamba Cooperative Society. On receiving a complaint regarding the poor condition of the standing crop, GSSC officials inspected the fields and found that crop condition in late sowing was very good but poor in early sowing. The variety G.W. 173 of wheat is recommended for late sowing. The seed supplied to farmers was found to meet the standards prescribed for certified seed of wheat G.W. 173.